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Here's a copy of the approved "List" and a small "Schedule" for your files. I have sent a signed copy along with 23 boxes of records transferred to the Records Center today.

I will probably be unable to break any more records loose for retirement until next spring or later.

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Records described on the attached Records Control Schedule and Records Control List are official papers of the National Security Council. The National Security Act of 1947, which established this organization, states the function of the Council to be: "to advise the President with respect to the integration of domestic, foreign and military policies relating to the national security so as to enable the military services and the other departments and agencies of the Government to cooperate more effectively in matters involving the national security."

These records relate to but do not form a complete documentation of the specific operations of the National Security Council, its staff and its subsidiary organizations: the Planning Board, the Operations Coordinating Board and other special and ad hoc committees.

Title I of the National Security Act has further stated the duties of the National Security Council to be: (1) "to assess and appraise the objectives, commitments and risks of the United States in relation to our actual and potential military power, in the interests of national security, for the purpose of making recommendations to the President in connection therewith;" (2) "to consider policies on matters of common interest to the departments and agencies of the Government concerned with the national security, and to make recommendations to the President in connection therewith;" (3) "to perform "such other functions as the President may direct, for the purpose of more effectively coordinating the policies and functions of the departments and agencies of the Government relating to the national security;" and (4) from time to time to "make such recommendations and such other reports to the President as it deems appropriate or as the President may require."

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